Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The Onida Presbyterian Church was founded on October 27, 1889; and,

WHEREAS, As the oldest church in the community, it has served as a spiritual home in Onida for 100 years; and,

WHEREAS, Onida Presbyterian was yoked to the Blunt Presbyterian Church which was formed by seminary students from Pierre University and is the only remaining Presbyterian Church in Sully County; and,

WHEREAS, The Missionary Society and the Young Women's Guild joined together in 1912 to become the Women's Association which is now composed of three circles and 35 members; and,

WHEREAS, The Men's Prayer Breakfast which was begun in 1985 expanded to become the Community Men's Prayer Breakfast in 1987; and,

WHEREAS, The Onida Presbyterian Church is active in local mission, creating a budget for that purpose, and going beyond its membership in serving as an outreach to the community; and,

WHEREAS, The members of Onida Presbyterian Church have recognized the importance of providing a comfortable home for its minister and his family and also of investing in the remodeling of both that home and the church building itself; and,

WHEREAS, Onida Presbyterian Church members have demonstrated the resilience of their predecessors 100 years ago by withstanding and overcoming economic setbacks and drought which are too often the partners of South Dakota's agricultural communities and Rev. Roland Kemink ably serves this congregation of 126 members who hail from throughout Sully County; and,

WHEREAS, This church possesses a special ecumenical spirit, a recognition of the need for Christian support both within and outside of the congregation which is not often found in churches of any denomination:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 15, 1989, as

ONIDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DAY

in South Dakota and join both the members of the church and the community at large in celebrating the 100th anniversary of that church, its ministry and mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE